

Level 1 Arboreta:

East Tennessee

American Museum of Science & Energy

Certified 2001

All around the campus of the Museum one can find the arboretum, which consists of 30 different species of trees. The arboretum is located off of South Tulane in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. For more information call the Museum at 865-516-3200.

The Bonny Oaks Arboretum

Certified 2000

Located on Adamson Circle off Bonny Oaks Dr. in Chattanooga, this arboretum sits on eight acres and includes over 55 different species of trees, shrubs and ground covers. This site also includes the Dent House (listed on the National Historic Register) and the Chattanooga Church. For more information call 423-855-6113.

Burchfiel Grove and Arboretum

Certified 2002

Located off of Hardin Lane in Sevierville, this arboretum is a part of the greenway system that runs along the Little Pigeon River. One can find over 30 different species of trees and numerous species of shrubs labeled all along the trail. For more information contact the Sevierville Parks & Recreation Department at 865-453-5441.

The Cherokee Trail Arboretum

Certified 2000

This arboretum is part of the North Chickamauga Greenway on the TVA Chickamauga Reservation in Chattanooga. The arboretum includes a small wild area noted for its scenic, wildlife and recreational values. For more information contact 423-757-5167.

Cherokee Trail of Audubon Acres

Certified 2003

The arboretum is located on 130 acres in the East Brainerd neighborhood of Chattanooga. The trail identifies trees not only with their common and botanical names but also with their Cherokee Indian names and uses. Audubon Acres is open daily to the public and offers the community a peaceful, quiet place to experience nature in the midst of heavy urbanization. For more information contact 423-892-1499.

Ivan Racheff House and Gardens

Certified 2003

The arboretum is an example of how a dump and one man's vision can be turned into an oasis for urban dwellers. Ivan Racheff purchased the Knoxville Iron works in the early forties and dreamed of a garden growing in place of the rubbish and garbage that was on site. Through the years his garden grew and in 1970 was given to the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs to maintain. For more information on this Knoxville arboretum please call 865-522-6210.

New Hopewell Elementary School Arboretum

Certified 2003

The arboretum is located in the wooded area behind the school along their nature trail. The trail was created and is maintained by the Science Club students and teachers. Visitors are welcome but are encouraged to sign in prior to viewing the grounds. For more information on this Knox County School please contact 865-579-2194.

Ocoee Regional Nature Center

Certified 2001

Once the Bradley County Landfill, this arboretum encompasses eight acres of land and over 30 different species of labeled trees. The nature center is a project of the Cleveland/Bradley County Keep America Beautiful Office. For more information contact 423-559-3307.

The Sevier County High School Nature Trail

Certified 2000

This arboretum is located on the nature trail within the school campus in Sevierville. This 1.2-mile long trail transverses the campus and includes a meadow and a garden. Visitors are welcome but are encouraged to sign in prior to viewing the grounds. For more information contact the school at 865-453-1076.

South-Doyle Middle School Nature Trail

Certified 2003

The purpose of the nature trail at this Knox County School is to provide an additional resource for outdoor education. The trail begins at the rear of the school near the Technology Lab and extends through the wooded portion of their campus. The students researched the plants and animals that are located around their school and created titles that visitors can observe. Visitors are welcome but are encouraged to sign in prior to viewing the grounds. For more information contact the school at 865-579-2110.

Steele Creek Park Tree Trail

Certified 2003

Visitors of this Tree Trail in Bristol can expect to see native trees growing along an easy-to-walk trail that extends for one-half mile. The interpretive signs encountered will identify the tree, provide a picture of the leaf and provide information about the tree. For more information about the Tree Trail contact 423-764-4023.

Walters State Community College

Certified 2006

The nature trail was initially developed as a hands-on project for students in botany and landscaping classes. It continues to serve this purpose but is open to the general public as well. Although not required of a Level 1 arboreta, a map of the labeled trees is available. For more information contact the college at 423-585-2644.

Cleveland State Community College

Certified 2006

This arboretum includes the grounds of the college and contains the only known Coast Redwood growing in Tennessee. The objective for this arboretum is to provide an outdoor learning classroom for biology students and to provide a self-learning activity for the greater community served by Cleveland State. For more information contact the college at 423-473-2342.

Level 1 Arboreta:

Middle Tennessee

The Belle Meade Plantation

Certified 2000

Located at 5025 Harding Road in Nashville, this arboretum encompasses 30 acres and sponsors a tree walk for school children and scout troops. For more information call 615-356-0501.

Cheekwood Botanical Garden & Museum of Art

Certified 2001

Once the private estate of the Cheek family, the arboretum is located on 55 acres including a wildflower garden, color garden, boxwood garden, woodland sculpture trail, herb garden, perennial garden, Japanese garden, water garden and more. Over 130 different tree species present in this Nashville arboretum. For more information contact the gardens at 615-353-2148.

Clarksville City Arboretum

Certified 2002

Located at Fairgrounds Park, the arboretum runs parallel to the Cumberland River along the city's river walkway. There are over 30 different species of trees planted along the one-half mile walkway, which is paved and easily accessible by wheelchair. For more information, contact the Clarksville Parks & Recreation Department at 931-645-7476.

The Hermitage Arboretum

Certified 2003

The Hermitage is located on 1,120-acre site in Nashville, which includes the entire antebellum cotton plantation of Andrew Jackson. The identified and labeled trees are along the 1.5-mile trail from the Visitor's Center to the Mansion, the first Hermitage, and the slave field quarters. It is thought that a few of the trees date back to the time of Andrew Jackson. For more information contact the Hermitage at 615-889-2941.

The Hillsboro West End Arboretum

Certified 2000

This Nashville arboretum is located over the three properties of Fannie Mae Dees Park, Eakin Elementary and Harris Hillman School. Thirty trees are labeled for educational purposes. For more information call 615-292-4519.

The Gerald D. Coorts Memorial Arboretum Certified 2000
Situating on the campus of Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, this arboretum contains 60 different species of trees. For more information contact 931-372-3288.

The Interstate Packaging Arboretum Certified 2000
Located in White Bluff on the property of the Interstate Packaging Company, this site includes a 25,000 sq. ft. lake and over 60 different species of shrubs and trees. For further information contact Interstate Packaging at 615-797-9000.

Old Hickory Lake Arboretum (Environmental Study Area) Certified 2001
Adjacent to Old Hickory Lake are 23 acres that make up the Environmental Study Area. Over 60 different species of shrubs and trees have been planted off of Walton Ferry Road to attract diverse wildlife species. For more information contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at 615-822-4846.

The Stones River Greenway Arboretum Certified 2003
The Murfreesboro Arboretum is located along the scenic Stones River Greenway system. It is composed of tree species that are native to the area, and many of the examples in the arboretum are original to the site. The greenway and adjoining arboretum are accessible to the public through several easily identifiable locations throughout the city. For more information contact the city at 615-895-8059.

Pleasant Run Creek Arboretum Certified 2004
This combination arboretum and memorial tree grove follows Pleasant Run creek just east of downtown Pulaski. Its mission is to provide creek bank protection, wildlife enhancement, as well as a tree identification educational opportunity. 44 trees are labeled and there are plans and opportunities to label additional specimens. Pulaski's mayor plays an active role in maintaining and developing this arboretum. For more information contact 931-363-2249.

Obed River Park Certified 2004
This trail is a two-mile-long paved walk and follows a portion of the Obed River for over half its length. In addition to viewing the labeled trees, visitors can view the Tennessee Central Railroad trestle and Harrison and Mitchell dam historic sites, as well as rock formations, foot bridges, wild flowers and wildlife. For more information call 931-788-6055.

Dickson Community Nature Trail Certified 2004
A walk in the woods best describes this nature trail and arboretum. This arboretum exists through the efforts of a local girl scout troop that planted trees, defined the trail, labeled trees, built and installed blue bird boxes, and planted wildflowers, and arranged for several small bridges to be built. For more information contact 615-446-2226.

Harpeth Hall School

Certified 2005

The objective of this arboretum is to provide green space in the urban environment and provide educational opportunities for horticultural sciences and independent study of tree identification. Visitors are welcome but are encouraged to sign in prior to viewing the grounds. For contact information call 615-292-6009.

Level 1 Arboreta:

West Tennessee

Chimneyrock Elementary School Arboretum

Certified 2003

Virtually the entire 25-acre campus, in Cordova, is covered with their extensive outdoor classroom, which includes gardens and their arboretum. The philosophy of Chimneyrock is that students, teachers, staff and administrators, parents and community members should share the responsibility for providing a learning environment, which supports the school-wide focus on environmental awareness. Visitors are welcome but are encouraged to sign in prior to viewing the grounds. For more information contact Chimneyrock at 901-765-2316.

Lichterman Nature Center

Certified 2003

The arboretum is located on 65 acres in the heart of Memphis. The nature center provides “hands-on” educational opportunities for both adults and children in tree identification, tree selection, ecological succession, etc. The arboretum allows visitors the opportunity to see trees in their native habitat including forest, meadow and aquatic habitats. The nature center is open 7 days a week. For more information contact 901-767-7322.

Old Forest Arboretum of Overton Park

Certified 2002

The 150 acres of the Old Forest Arboretum offers visitors and residents the opportunity to experience the original landscape and habitats of the Memphis area before West Tennessee was settled. Park Friends provide users with a self-guiding trail map and provides monthly hikes (except July and August) for all those interested in learning more about the trees. The arboretum is the home of the national champion Shumard Oak. For more information contact 901-276-1387.

Zadie E. Kuehl Memorial Park

Certified 2004

This park is named in memory of Zadie E. Kuehl, a six and one-half month old child killed by a drunk driver. Through organ donation, Zadie gave the gift of life to four children and one adult. The arboretum sports 40 species of trees that are labeled and contains a mix of recent plantings and more mature trees. For more information call 901-867-2717.

Sea Isle Park and School

Certified 2004

Thirty-Eight different species are identified in this arboretum. Located next to the school in Sea Isle Park, this site is used extensively by classes from Sea Isle School. Visitors can also experience a variety of open space, recreational facilities and woodland settings. For more information call 901-682-9551.

University of Memphis

Certified 2004

Many calls over the years asking “What is this tree?” or “May my children collect leaves for their school project?” prompted the development of the University of Memphis arboretum. In the middle of Memphis, the campus provides a green oasis in the state’s largest city. For more information call 901-678-3511.

Memphis City Beautiful Victorian Village Arboretum

Certified 2004

This arboretum is a composite of 8 different sites in close proximity to each other, all within the Victorian Village Historic District. In addition to 40 species of trees, visitors can also enjoy historic architecture of the homes in the area. For more information call 901-522-1135.

Dyersburg Okena Park

Certified 2005

A tornado in 2004 almost derailed this arboretum when it damaged and destroyed several trees. The hub of recreation activities for the Dyersburg community, this park contains a one-mile walking trail with various trees labeled for easy viewing from the trail. For more information contact 731-285-6420.

Dyersburg Middle School

Certified 2005

An Eagle Scout project spawned this arboretum. Located Northwest of the school, approximately 40 species were identified to help classes and the public learn their trees. The paved walking trail also includes hundreds of perennials along its path. Visitors are welcome but are encouraged to sign in prior to viewing the grounds. For more information, call 731-285-4780.

Level 2 Arboreta: East Tennessee

Daniel Boone Arboretum Certified 2003 Re-certified 2006
The arboretum is located along a portion of the Daniel Boone Greenway, a walking/biking trail in Harrogate. Along the greenway, one can find over 60 different species of native trees labeled and learn about their habitat and uses. The arboretum is a project of the Harrogate Tree Board in cooperation with Lincoln Memorial University, and moved from Level 1 to Level 2 in 2006. For more information contact Steve Roark at 423-526-2992.

Level 2 Arboreta: Middle Tennessee

Deerwood Arboretum and Natural Area Certified 2002
Originally used by the City of Brentwood as a wastewater treatment plant, the Deerwood Arboretum is located on a 27-acre site that borders the Little Harpeth River. There are over 60 tree species located along paved and unpaved walking trails. A pamphlet is available on site for arboretum users wanting to take a self-guided tour. For more information contact the Brentwood Parks & Recreation Department at 615-371-2208.

McMinnville Civic Center Certified 2006
In the heart of the Tennessee nursery industry, this arboretum boasts 70 different labeled species of trees and is a valuable asset and extension of nursery trade shows that use the civic center. The arboretum follows a walking trail that provides exercise while viewing the trees. The map is available at the Civic Center and at various points along the trail. For more information call the Civic Center at 931-473-1212.

Level 2 Arboreta: West Tennessee

The Carlisle S. Page Arboretum Certified 2000
This arboretum is located within Historic Elmwood Cemetery in Memphis and contains over 60 different species of trees. The arboretum is named after a long-time supporter of the Cemetery who personally planted hundreds of trees in the arboretum. Handouts are available to visitors about the trees in Elmwood, and there are opportunities for special programs regarding the trees. For more information contact the Cemetery at 901-774-3212.

Trees by Touliatos Arboretum Certified 2002
In order to better educate the public, the arboretum was created to provide an opportunity for people to see mature specimens when they are making a decision about tree selection and placement. Over 60 species of trees and numerous cultivars grow on the 5-acre site in Memphis. Arboretum visitors are provided with a map showing the location of each tree. For more information contact Trees by Touliatos at 901-346-8065.

The Louise Pearson Memorial Arboretum Certified 2002 Re-certified 2006
The arboretum, a project of the Bells Garden Club, is located on the five-acre
Green Frog Development Area in Crockett County. The goal of the arboretum and
the surrounding village is to reflect the natural informal beauty of the old-time
rural South. Currently over 70 different tree species are labeled. This site moved
from Level 1 to Level 2 in 2006. For more information contact the arboretum at
731-663-3319.

University of Tennessee W. TN Research Center Certified 2006
Originally started as a shade-tree demonstration project, the plantings have now become incorporated into the arboretum. The goal is to provide a site for students to collect leaf samples for school projects and for 4-H and FFA contests. Maps for self-guided tours are available from the office. For more information about this arboretum, contact the Research Center at 731-425-4751.

Dixon Gallery and Gardens Certified 2006

On this 17-acre site visitors can find a mix of forest and landscape garden settings. Sixty species of trees are identified. Maps for self-guided tours are available at the ticket booth. The diversity of trees and companion shrubs creates interest in every season. For more information, call 901-761-5250.

Level 3 Arboreta: East Tennessee

University of Tennessee Trial Gardens Certified 2003
The UT Gardens are located off Neyland Drive on the University of Tennessee Agriculture campus in Knoxville. The gardens, which cover 10 acres, are open and free to the public. The mission of the gardens is to enhance visitors' lives with plants through field research, plant demonstrations and education. For more information about the Gardens contact the Plant Sciences Department at 865-974-7324.

Level 4 Arboreta: East Tennessee

East Tennessee State University (ETSU) Certified 2002
The ETSU arboretum encompasses the entire 366-acre campus of the university and is located in Johnson City. The arboretum contains over 135 species of trees representing 6 families of conifers and 33 families of angiosperms, and include trees from Asia, Europe, and North America. Pamphlets are available for self-guided tours, and visitors can also take a self-guided audio tour. For more information contact the ETSU Biology Department at 423-439-8635.

Reflection Riding Arboretum & Botanical Garden Certified 2002
Reflection Riding's 300 acres consists of a three-mile driving loop and a twelve-mile network of hiking trails. Hundreds of labels identify many of the over one thousand different species of trees, shrubs, wildflowers and grasses. Rustic signs tell of the geology, history and botany of the area. For more information on this Chattanooga arboretum call 423-821-9582.

UT Forestry Experiment Station & Arboretum Certified 2001
The 250-acre research and educational arboretum has over 2,500 native and exotic woody plant specimens that represent over 800 species, varieties and cultivars. Located in Oak Ridge, this arboretum provides a natural laboratory for studies in plant uses, genetics and adaptability, insect and disease control, and the management of associated natural resources. For more information contact the arboretum at 865-483-3571.

Level 4 Arboreta: West Tennessee

Memphis Botanic Garden Certified 2006
The Memphis Botanic Garden is one of the Mid South's premiere attractions. Situated on 96 acres in the heart of Memphis, the Garden attracts over 130,000 visitors annually. Its many gardens within the Garden feature many species and variety of trees, including 85 varieties of magnolia, and a conifer collection that includes a Chinese water pine. The Botanic Garden may be contacted by calling 901-685-1566.